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SUBJECT: LOBBY FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTHERN GREEK
MINISTRY GAINING STRENGTH

REF: THESSALONIKI 757 AND PREVIOUS

1. THESS PAPERS OF MARCH 31 REPORT ON MEETING
PREVIOUS DAY OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THESSALONIKI
MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION AT WHICH PRES. PETRIDIS STRONGLY
SUPPORTED RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNORSHIP
WHICH ABOLISHED FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 25 COUP.
PETRIDIS' PETITION FOLLOWS SIMILAR ENDORSEMENT
BY PRES VYRON ANTONIADES OF THESSALONIKI MANUFACTURERS'
ASSOCIATION AT ANNUAL MEETING FEBURARY 28. DURING
LATTER SESSION, ATTENDED BY THESSALONIKI NOMARCH
KOURNAVOS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, ANTONIADES WHO ALSO EX-MAYOR
OF THESS. ARGUES THAT RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTHERN GREEK
MINISTRY WITH "INCREASED JURISDICTION" NECESSARY FOR
"NATIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS." ISSUE HAS
ALSO RECEIVED CONSISTENT SUPPORT FROM OUTSPOKEN CHIEF
ED. KYROU OF "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" (REF).

2. COMMENT: ANTONIADES INFORMED CONGEN ON MARCH 30
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THAT HE PRESENTED PROPOSAL FOR NEW MINISTRY HERE

TO PM ANDROUTSOPOULOS IN ATHENS MARCH 29. PM
DISPATCHED UNDER SEC OF COORDINATION ELIAS BALOPOULOS
FOR 2-HOUR FOLLOW-UP TALK WITH ANTONIADES HERE
MARCH 30. LATTER SCHEDULED MEET AGAIN WITH
BALOPOULOS, AND POSSIBLY PM, IN ATHENS APRIL 2 TO
PRESS HOME ARGUMENTS. ACCORDING TO ANTONIADES,
ABSENCE OF LOCAL MINISTRY HIGHLY INEFFICIENT AND
SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE LOCAL DISCONTENT.
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